

**ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes**

**Administration Building
Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins., Secretary Michael Connor, Mrs. Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr. 5:38 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. Jaime Escobedo

Absent: None

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel that the Board **hold** an executive session to consider the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees; the discipline of students; pending or imminent litigation; collective bargaining matters; or other matters provided for pursuant to §2 (c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Approved: 6-0-1

The Board was in executive session from 5:31p.m. until 6:51 p.m.

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1. Call to Order – *President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:04 p.m.*
 2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Michael Connor, Mrs. Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Jaime Escobedo
Absent: None
Mr. Scrivano thanked Conner Childers and RPS 205 graduate Rod Weddle who are working behind the scenes to produce the Board's broadcast on Channel 20.
 4. Recognition
 - A. State-Level Competitors – Earl Dotson, Jr.
The following students were recognized for their achievements.
IHSA Girls Swimming
Auburn High School sophomore Ali Cushing and Guilford High School freshman Ella Gasparini both competed in the IHSA State Finals meet for girls swimming and diving. Ali competed in the 200-yard freestyle, and Ella competed in the 200-yard individual medley.
IESA Girls Basketball
Thurgood Marshall School's seventh grade girls basketball team went 18-0 in the regular season and won both the RRAC regular season and tournament titles before heading to the State tournament. The Mustangs lost in the quarterfinals of the IESA Class 3A Basketball tournament to another undefeated team. The team finished the season with 18 wins and only 1 loss and took fifth in the State.
IESA Cheer
Eisenhower Middle School and Lincoln Middle School both sent teams to compete in the IESA Cheerleading State Championships earlier this month. Eisenhower had a great showing in the Small Team Routine Cheer division and placed 15th among 23 teams. Lincoln took second place in the IESA Small Team Cheer division and made RPS 205 history. The runner-up designation marks the first time an RPS 205 school placed at the state tournament. Congratulations to these outstanding students, to their parents and families, and to their coaches, teachers and school staff who support them.
 5. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - Mayor Tom McNamara spoke in support of the career pathway sponsorships with Alignment Rockford.
 - Stan Jones spoke in opposition of outsourcing transportation.
 - Peggy Moseley spoke in opposition to outsourcing transportation.
 - Elizabeth Christensen spoke of outsourcing substitutes and asked substitutes are paired with the highest needs students as it has been done in the past.
 - Stacy Owens spoke in opposition to outsourcing transportation.
 - Christopher Hooser spoke in opposition to outsourcing transportation.

- Darrell Freeman spoke in opposition to outsourcing transportation.
- Catina Barnett spoke in opposition to outsourcing transportation.
- Kristina Lee spoke in opposition to outsourcing transportation.

6. Board Member Comments

There were no comments.

7. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Mr. Zediker and Ms. Jahr.

A. Benefits Update – Matthew Zediker, Chief Human Resources Officer

Mr. Zediker presented the update to Board members. Information included historical summary from 2011 to 2018, actual versus average trends from 2011-2018, actual costs versus budget from 2015 to 2018, factors contributing to lower cost trends, 2018-2019 savings initiatives, 2019-2020 potential causes for increased costs, 2019-2020 strategies for cost reductions, and a look ahead to 2019-2020. Prescription drug costs were discussed, including specialty medications that are 33.7% of the total spend and less than one percent of total dispensed prescriptions. Possible remedies include dispensing specialty medications by third party facilities instead of hospitals. To view the presentation please click on this link: [Benefits Update](#).

B. Budget Amendment Presentation – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr – Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Michele Sather presented the FY19 Budget Amendment. Administration is requesting the resolution due to additional Evidence Based Funding received in April 2018. There was not sufficient time to utilize and spend the funds by the end of FY2018. The fund spend request is \$5,510,000 and will allow the District to spend down fund balances, taking pressure of the FY20 budget. It will also align resources with student needs at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. To view the presentation please click on this link: [Budget Amendment](#).

8. *Consent Items

A. Meeting Minutes: 02/12/19

B. Payroll

C. Accounts Payable

D. Purchase Orders

E. Contracts Under \$10,000

F. Construction Bid Request Log

G. Travel

9. *Bid Recommendation

10. *Recurring Contracts

11. *Other Consent

A. Resolution and Notice of Public Hearing on the Amended Budget for 2018-2019 – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

B. Monthly Investment Report – January 2019 – Ms. Jamie Murray – Executive Director of Finance

C. Financial Results: January 2019 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA – Executive Director of Finance

D. MOU – Multi-Classroom Leader Differential and Reach Team Leader Differential

E. MOU(Memorandum of Understanding) Reclassification of High School Office Professionals

F. Substitute Nurse Allocation and Pay

G. New Construction Change Order Logs

H. RPS Managed Work Change Order

I. Freedom of Information Log

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Consent items not pulled.

Approved: Unanimously

12. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of Probationary Teachers

B. Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of Temporary/Part-Time Teachers

C. Appointment of Carissa Bry as 12 Month Program Administrator for Special Education

D. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

13. *Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline

Unless otherwise modified below, the Board adopts and accepts the Hearing Officer's findings and recommendations in the following cases in which students expelled or suspended are prohibited from being on school grounds and school-sponsored activities without the prior written permission of the principal.

A. GDM-4251-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

B. GDM-4254-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

- C. GDM-4255-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year and the entire 2019-2020 school year.
- D. GDM-4256-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year and the entire 2019-2020 school year.

14. Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline (EIAs)

- A. GDM-1041-19
- B. GDM-3759-19
- C. GDM-3747-19
- D. GDM-3748-19
- E. GDM-3749-19
- F. GDM-3750-19
- G. GDM-3751-19
- H. GDM-3752-19
- I. GDM-3753-19
- J. GDM-3754-19
- K. GDM-3756-19
- L. GDM-3757-19
- M. GDM-3758-19

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve Closed Session Consent items not pulled.

Approved: Unanimously

15. *Action Items

- A. Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 2nd Quarter Treasurer’s Report – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA – Chief Financial Officer

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to approve item 15A, Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 2nd Quarter Treasurer’s Report.

Yeas: Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins

Absent from Vote: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

- B. Middle School English Language Arts Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum
- Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 15B, Middle School English Language Arts Resource Adoption.

Concerns were raised regarding the resource implementation. Mrs. Neri spoke of using the May 3 SIP day and August institute days to introduce the material. An additional position, curriculum implementation leader, is being created to support the middle school currently not using the material. Principals have recommended this resource. Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

- C. Insight Workforce Solutions – Matthew Zediker, Chief Human Resources Officer

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve item 15C, Insight Workforce Solutions.

Discussion Board members support and opposition to the agreement. Support and opposing comments that filling the substitutes is a core competency of the District. Approval of this agreement with minimize the District’s risk regarding monitoring of hours.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Mr. Connor, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec

Nays: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Escobedo, Mr. Dixon

Approved: 4-3-0

- D. IL-Empower School Plans and Learning Partners – Dr. Kelly Monson, Chief Continuous Improvement Officer
- Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mrs. Makulec to approve item 15D, IL-Empower School Plans and Learning Partners.

Board members requested that Administration continue to update the progress with the plans and learning partners. Schools identified in the bottom two tiers are required to file plans. The two contracts in the proposal are learning partners the District is required to work with. Administration is requesting approval of the plans and two of the contracts. Additional contracts will be presented at future meetings.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

16. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations
The Administration is seeking to suspend the rules as the grant funding from the Illinois Parks and Receptions Association (IPRA) expires on March 12, 2019.

A. **Approval of New Playgrounds at Ellis, McIntosh, and West View Elementary Schools

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **suspend the rules** to consider item 16A, Approval of New Playgrounds at Ellis, McIntosh, and West View Elementary Schools.

Yeas: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Absent: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 16A, Approval of New Playgrounds at Ellis, McIntosh, and West View Elementary Schools.

Board members requested monitoring and updates of playground maintenance and safety. The Administration maintains lists of playgrounds. The approval request addresses those needing immediate work. To view the proposal, please click on this link: [New Playgrounds](#).

B. Pathways Sponsorship

Approval of the proposal will allow businesses to sponsor pathways in schools for an identified dollar amount. The sponsorship funds would to Alignment Rockford in full. In exchange for the revenue, businesses agree to provide work-learning experience for District students. Alignment Rockford agrees to coordinate the activities for District, working with Academy coaches to do so. To view the proposal, please click on this link: [Pathways Partnership](#). This will return for a vote at the 3/12/19 Board meeting.

17. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to **adjourn**.

Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.

Approved: 03/12/19

President: Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/

Secretary: Michael S. Connor /s/

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